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SUBJECT: PROBLEM OVER BERLIN IN FRG-ROMANIAN RELATIONS

REF: BUCHAREST 993 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DETAILS FROM FRG ON RECENT ROMANIAN TURN-ABOUT ON TRIBOLOGY RESEARCH AGREEMENT WHICH HAS FOUNDERED ON DETAILS OF BERLIN INCLUSION. END SUMMARY

1. RESPONDING TO EARLIER ALLIED REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, FRG REPS IN MARCH 11 BONN GROUP MEETING PASSED COPIES OF MEMORANDUM ON TRIBOLOGY (SCIENCE OF FRICTION) AGREEMENT PROBLEM WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR FON MIN GENSCHER ACCORDING TO MEMO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ROMANIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANZATU HAD INFORMED FRG EMBASSY ON MARCH 3 THAT THE PREVIOUSLY-AGREED TEXT OF THE TRIBOLOGY AGREEMENT HAD BEEN APPROVED ON ROMANIAN SIDE, THUS CLEARING WAY FOR
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JOURNEY BY FRG RESEARCH MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAUFF TO

BUCHAREST TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT. THE AGREED TEXT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED ONLY AFTER DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTAINED A BERLIN CLAUSE. IT HAD ALSO BEEN AGREED THAT SIGNING OF AGREEMENT WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY SIGNING AND EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WHICH WOULD INDICATE HOW FULFILLMENT OF AGREEMENT WOULD BE COORDINATED ON EACH SIDE AND WOULD DESIGNATE WHICH INSTITUTES ON EACH SIDE WOULD PARTICIPATE (BONN HAD TRIED, UNSUCCESSFULLY, TO HAVE THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER AS ARTICLE 3 OF THE AGREEMENT). FOR THE FRG THE FEDERAL INSTITUTE FOR MATERIAL TESTING (FIMT) LOCATED IN BERLIN WAS TO BE DESIGNATED AS COORDINATING BODY. THEN, ON MARCH 4 AFTER HAUFF HAD ALREADY DEPARTED FOR ROMANIA, BUCHAREST PUT FORTH A COUNTER PROPOSAL REGARDING THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WHICH PROVIDED FOR TWO LETTERS FROM ROMANIAN SIDE: A) ONE CONTAINING INFORMATION ON THEIR COORDINATING AND PARTICIPATING BODIES; AND B) ONE WHICH WOULD BE A SIMPLE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF FRG LETTER CONTAINING CORRESPONDING INFORMATION. FRG PROBLEMS WITH THIS PROPOSAL ARE THAT FIMT NO LONGER WOULD BE MENTIONED IN ROMANIAN LETTER NOR WOULD IT CONTAIN PASSAGE ESTABLISHING LETTER AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT WITH SAME PERIOD OF VALIDITY AS TRIBOLOGY AGREEMENT. THE ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SUPPORTED COUNTER-PROPOSAL BY SAYING IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOR TO CONFIRM IN AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT THAT AN AGENCY IN WEST BERLIN COULD FULFILL FUNCTIONS FLOWING FROM AN FRG-GOR AGREEMENT. HAUFF WAS INSTRUCTED BY BONN TO INSIST ON THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AS ORIGINALLY AGREED AND TO MAKE IT CLEAR HE WOULD OTHERWISE BREAK OFF HIS VISIT WITHOUT SIGNING ANYTHING. ON MARCH 5 HAUFF, UNABLE TO ACHIEVE A GOR CHANGE OF POSITION, BROKE OFF HIS STAY WHICH ORIGINALLY HAD BEEN SCHEDULED UNTIL MARCH 7. IN A CONCLUDING DISCUSSION, PRESIDENT URSU OF COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (WHO ACCORDING TO GOR FON MINISTRY SOURCES

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HAD ATTEMPTED TO GET GOR TO RETURN TO ORIGINAL AGREE-
MENT) TOLD HAUFF OF THE GOR DESIRE TO EXPAND SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, THAT GOR PREPARED TO SIGN
THE TRIBOLOGY AGREEMENT AND THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
ROMANIAN STATE COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY AND AN FRG
NUCLEAR RESEARCH FIRM, BUT COULD NOT AGREE TO INCLUDING
THE CONTENTS OF LETTER AS DESIRED BY FRG AS AN ACTUAL
PART OF AGREEMENT. THIS DID NOT MEAN, URSU SAID, THAT
FIMT WOULD BE EXCLUDED IN ANY WAY FROM PARTICIPATION
UNDER AN AGREEMENT. THE MATTER WAS LEFT TO BE PURSUED
BY REGULAR FRG-GOR DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS. THE MEMO FOR
GENSCHER CONCLUDES WITH THE INFORMATION THAT THE
ROMANIAN FON MINISTRY HAS ALSO INFORMED THE FRG EMBASSY
THAT THERE IS A NEED TO RENEW DISCUSSIONS ON THE
ROMANIAN POSITION ON THE BERLIN PROBLEM, SPECIFICALLY ON
THE PLANNED GOR-FRG SPORTS EXCHANGE.

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2. FRG REP SAID IN MARCH 11 BONN GROUP THAT THEY HAD NO
SPECIFIC INFORMATION BUT THERE WAS AN INCLINATION WITHIN
FON OFF TO ATTRIBUTE GOR CHANGE OF POSITION TO SOVIET
PRESSURE.

3. MEMO WAS PASSED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS IN BONN GROUP
AND PROTECTION OF SOURCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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